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SUBJECT: JAPAN SCIENCE SOCIETY SPACE EXHIBIT

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF JAPAN SCIENCE SOCIETY HAVE CALLED
AT EMBASSY THREE TIMES IN PAST TWO WEEKS TO PRESENT
BRIEFINGS ON PROGRESS BEING MADE TOWARD SPACE EXHIBIT TO
BE HELD IN TOKYO LATER THIS YEAR. FOLLOWING IS GIST OF DISCUSSIONS.

2. BY REFERRAL FROM MR. DURANTE OF SMITHSONIAN, JSS HAS
REQUESTED EMBASSY TO LEND NASA SPACE FILMS FOR EXTRACTION
OF BRIEF EXCERPTS TO BE USED IN TV PUBLICITY. USIS TOKYO
IS HANDLING.

3. MR. SASAKAWA, HONORARY PRESIDENT OF JSS, HAS MET WITH
PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT AND EDUCATION TO
OBTAIN THEIR SUPPORT FOR EXHIBIT. (MISSION APPARENTLY
WAS SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE VERNACULAR PAPERS OF JANUARY 11
CARRY MAJOR ARTICLES DESCRIBING MEETING BETWEEN PRIME
MINISTER AND TOKYO GOVERNOR MINOBE IN WHICH PM FUKUDA
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REQUESTED MINOBE'S COOPERATION IN PROVIDING ADDITIONAL
LAND FOR EXHIBIT ADJACENT TO MARITIME MUSEUM PROPERTY
WHICH FORMS PRINCIPAL SITE. MINOBE HAS OBJECTED TO
USE OF PROPERTY IN PAST, BUT GOJ APPEARS TO HAVE
OFFERED QUID PRO QUO IN FORM OF ASSURANCE OF APPROVAL
OF NEW BOND ISSUANCE BY DEFICIT-RIDDEN TOKYO METROPOLITAN
GOVERNMENT.)

4. EIICHI TASAKA, RECENTLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF JAPAN SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY FOUNDATION (A SASAKAWA ORGANIZATION), HAS BEEN GIVEN ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF HEADING UP LARGE STAFF FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF SPACE EXHIBIT. TASAKA CALLED ON EMBOFF TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SPACE EXHIBIT WOULD INCREASE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPAN, WOULD HELP ECONOMIC SLUMP IN JAPAN, AND WOULD MAKE POSITIVE IMPACT ON BALANCE OF TRADE PROBLEM. HE ALSO SAID THAT SCOPE OF SPACE EXHIBIT HAD BEEN EXPANDED TO INCLUDE DISPLAYS OF AMERICAN IMPORTS, INCLUDING BEEF. TASAKA IS RETIRED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SHIPS BUREAU, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

5. LAST WEEK DR. SEIJI KAYA WAS APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF JSS, WITH MR. SASAKAWA TAKING HONORARY PRESIDENCY. DR. KAYA HOLD SEVERAL OTHER POSITIONS, INCLUDING PRESIDENCY OF JAPAN SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF SCIENCE. HE IS FORMER PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO. HE HAD BEEN INFLUENTIAL IN PERSUADING PM FUKUDA TO SUPPORT SPACE EXHIBIT.

6. JSS HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT NASA HAS RECONSIDERED MAKING SATURN V LAUNCH VEHICLE AVAILABLE TO JSS AND LATTER IS NOW STUDYING WHETHER IT CAN HANDLE THIS MASSIVE ADDITION TO EXHIBIT. EXHIBIT IS NOW SCHEDULED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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